#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

# IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION

#### THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

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PLAINTIFFS' JOINT SURREPLY IN FURTHER OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT THE MYLAN DEFENDANTS' INDIVIDUAL MOTION TO DISMISS County of Genesee v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al. W.D.N.Y. Case No. 05-CV-00267

County of Greene v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al. N.D.N.Y. Case No. 05-CV-0474

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County of Yates v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al. W.D.N.Y. Case No. 05-CV-06172

Mylan's reply brief misinterprets this Court's rulings and ignores relevant portions of the pleadings. As detailed below and in Plaintiffs' Consolidated and Mylan-specific Oppositions<sup>1</sup>, ("Con. Opp." and "Opp.", respectively) plaintiffs' allegations have more than satisfied the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b) for their claims based on Defendants' reporting of materially misleading wholesale price information.

#### I. Mylan Entirely Mischaracterizes Plaintiffs' Allegations of AWP and FUL Fraud Generally.

Mylan's reply purports to give several reasons why, in Mylan's view, the CC fails 9(b). Each is wrong. First, Mylan states that "plaintiffs must particularize their allegations explaining the basis for the so-called 'market prices' and 'spread' for each drug and furnish and identify the evidence supporting their allegations." Mylan Reply at 1. Plaintiffs have done this. Plaintiffs have explained the origin of the conservative market prices they have utilized as a proxy for a true AWP (McKesson ServAll). And plaintiffs have explained, and the CC exhibits on their face make clear that the basis for the spread is simply the difference between this true AWP proxy and the false AWP Mylan caused to be reported. See Merck sur-reply at 3 which is incorporated herein. Next Mylan claims that plaintiffs merely "submitted a laundry list of over 500 NDCs with published AWPs". The characterization of plaintiffs' detailed pleadings, their Exhibts A, B and F as a "laundry list" is as incorrect as it is offensive. Exhibit B to the CC compares the AWP Mylan caused to be reported against actual generally available conservative market prices from wholesalers for Mylan drugs. It itemizes outrageous spreads for hundreds of Mylan drugs based on this comparison. This is not a "laundry list". It is clear evidence of intentional misreporting of pricing information to the government—a fraud on the public fise-- by defendant. Exhibit F is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Mylan Defendants also join in Defendants Joint Reply Memorandum of Law and Sandoz Inc.'s Supplemental Reply Memorandum of Law Regarding Multiple Source Generic Drugs. Plaintiffs oppositions to these briefs apply to the Mylan defendants.

similarly devastating. It contains hundreds of specific drugs for which Mylan intentionally reported a false and inflated AWP that was grossly inflated over the WACs Mylan reported for those same drugs. Plaintiffs do not in any way concede the accuracy of these Mylan WACs but apart from that, Mylan's purposeful submission of AWPs that exceeded the generally accepted 20-25% mark up over WAC provides yet another clear example of Mylan's intentional fraud on Medicaid payors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mylan has the temerity to state that "pleading the applicable reimbursement scheme and proffer[ing] allegations of [D]efendants' fraudulent conduct" is not enough, because plaintiffs do not provide sufficient "defendant specific allegations". See Mylan Reply at 1-2. As noted in the paragraph above, plaintiffs have submitted hundreds if not thousands of specific examples of fraudulent Mylan price reporting in the exhibits to their CC.

Mylan then contends that plaintiffs have not made specific allegations because they have produced no internal company documents or DOJ calculated spreads. The argument is disingenuous and of no effect. Mylan resisted all discovery from plaintiffs at the time the CC was filed and regardless, plaintiffs' pricing information regarding Mylan's fraud is sufficient for their claims.

In any event, plaintiffs have alleged that Mylan used the artificially inflated spreads described above to create market share and with resulting injury to plaintiffs. Plaintiffs have also provided evidence of government investigations of Mylan's pricing practices, by both the federal government and Massachusetts. *See CC* at ¶608-622. These pleadings, together with the allegations summarized above and in plaintiffs' Opp. are sufficient to sustain plaintiffs' claims.

#### II. Mylan's Objections Regarding the CC's Multi-Source Drug Allegations are Misplaced

Mylan claims that the AWP is irrelevant to those drugs reimbursed on the basis of FUL. This argument is irrelevant as to whether plaintiffs' FUL pleadings satisfy Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b). Plaintiffs have plead in detail the fraudulent scheme Mylan employed to market those multisource drugs reimbursed based on FULs and those reimbursed on the basis of AWP. See Opp. at 2, 3, 4;

see also Exhibit B. Plaintiffs have plead that Mylan's failure to report accurate wholesale pricing information (WACs, AWPs or otherwise) resulted in false and inflated FULs and plaintiffs have provided hundreds of specific examples of outrageous spreads between Mylan's reported price data and what true AWPs for Mylan drugs should have been. Exhibit B to CC.

Mylan also claims that its practice of creating spreads ranging from 400-600% of AWP for Albuterol 2mg tablets is irrelevant to Mylan's pricing practices for its other drugs. Wrong. Mylan's practice of reporting inflated Albuterol AWPs that have no connection whatever to Mylan's Albuterol WACs is consistent with Mylan's practices for each of the other Mylan drugs identified in the CC. But even without the Albuterol example, the spreads for the hundreds of other Mylan drugs listed in plaintiffs' exhibits speak for themselves. Ex. B to the CC, Ex. A to Sandoz's Opp, and Ex. A to the consolidated opposition demonstrate that hundreds of Mylan's multisource NDCs had spreads where the reimbursement price exceeded Mylan's own widely available market prices (proxies for what an accurate AWP should have been) by more than 100%, whether the widely available market price was compared to the FUL or the AWP. Moreover, Mylan's decided to continually raise the Albuterol 2mg AWP even when its AWP already exceeded widely-available acquisition costs by over 400%. This created additional spread to market the product and further increased plaintiffs' reimbursement costs. See Opp. at 5.2

#### Conclusion

For the reasons set forth herein and in Plaintiffs' Opposition Memorandum, Mylan's Motion

Mylan argues that plaintiffs' claims of being able to substantially amend their exhibits now means that "Plaintiffs admit they have had the information to have adequately plead their allegations, yet have failed to do so." Mylan illogically and incorrectly assumes that because plaintiffs can do something now, they were capable of doing that same thing prior to their filing of this complaint. Not so. After extensive discovery and investigation, Plaintiffs dataset today is far much more robust than the dataset available last summer. This is not a failure of pleading, it is the normal course of complex litigation, a fact which is illustrated by the numerous amendments granted the class plaintiffs and other in this MDL. See plaintiffs 4<sup>th</sup> amended complaint, filed on 3/2/2006, Docket # 2227. Regardless, any amendment by plaintiffs will merely confirm all that is alleged in the CC including that the McKesson Servall AWP proxies are (continued...)

to Dismiss should be denied in its entirety.

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